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Lee Appointed O`ahu District Court Judge

Chief Justice Ronald T. Y. Moon today appointed Lono J. Lee as judge of the District Court of the First Judicial Circuit (O`ahu). Lee will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of the Honorable George Kimura.

Lee has been a per diem judge for the District Court of the First Judicial Circuit since 2000. He has been in private practice since 1999, and is currently a sole practitioner specializing in the areas of family law, collections, and worker's compensation and personal injury cases. He also provides legal services to the City and County of Honolulu's Ethics Commission. Previously, he was a deputy corporation counsel with the City and County of Honolulu for ten years.

Lee received his law degree and Masters in Social Work from the University of Hawai'i.

The chief justice appoints District Court and District Family Court judges from a list of not less than six nominees submitted by the Judicial Selection Commission.

Lee's appointment is subject to confirmation by the State Senate.

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